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Consumer Price Index ◆ April 2003

Highlights

- Compared to April 2002, BC consumers paid 2.3% more for the basket of goods included in the CPI, the lowest year-over-year increase since September 2002. Saskatchewan posted the lowest increase at 2.1%, while Alberta continues to have the highest inflation rate in the country (5.9%). Nationally, the CPI rose 3.0%.

- Edmonton's 7.4% increase in the CPI from April 2002 is the highest among the metropolitan areas, while Ottawa, at 2.1%, had the lowest increase from last April. Vancouver prices rose 2.2%, while Victoria prices rose 2.4% during the same period.

- Contributing to BC's year-over-year inflation were higher prices for fuel oil (+26.1%), cigarettes (+18.7%), piped gas (+16.0%), education (+14.9%), and gasoline (+11.5%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for fresh vegetables (-8.8%), non-alcoholic beverages (-6.7%), fresh fruit (-6.1%), and clothing (-2.6%).

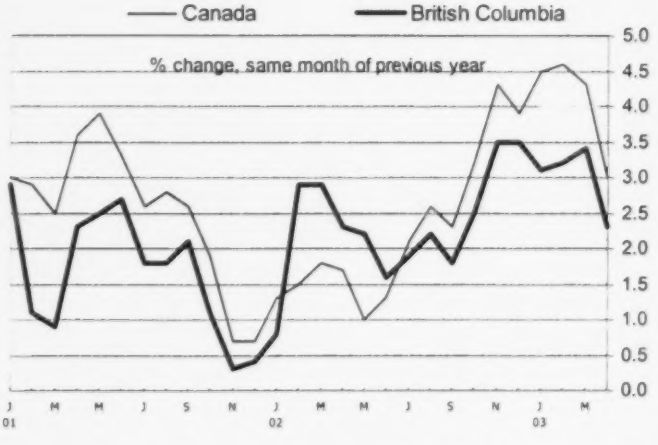
- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, rose 2.1% from last April. The comparable figure for Canada was 3.2%.

- Costs for internet access services in BC remained unchanged from March 2003. Costs for financial services rose 1.3% from last month.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the May Consumer Price Index on June 20, 2003.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	April 2003	March 2003	April 2002
Canada	121.9	-0.7	3.0
BC	120.4	-0.2	2.3
Vancouver	121.0	-0.2	2.2
Victoria	119.9	-0.2	2.4

Inflation Trend Plummets



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in April)	Latest 12-Month Average % Change
Canada	120.6	3.1
BC	119.0	2.6
Vancouver	119.8	2.5
Victoria	118.6	2.9

April 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index April 2003	% change March 2003	% change April 2002	Index April 2003	% change March 2003	% change April 2002
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**120.4**	**-0.2**	**2.3**	**121.9**	**-0.7**	**3.0**
Food	**122.7**	**0.3**	**1.0**	**122.4**	**0.0**	**1.2**
Food Purchased From Stores	120.9	0.5	0.7	121.8	-0.1	0.7
Meat	130.5	1.7	2.3	131.2	0.1	2.6
Fish & Other Seafood	128.7	1.3	0.3	122.8	-0.2	0.2
Dairy Products & Eggs	124.7	0.0	2.0	123.6	0.0	2.7
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	122.1	0.3	4.5	126.8	0.3	5.1
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	103.7	-0.3	-3.0	105.1	0.0	-3.5
Fresh Fruit	98.0	-1.3	-6.1	105.1	-0.3	-6.2
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	106.0	1.4	-6.9	115.6	-1.6	-9.2
Fresh Vegetables	104.1	2.5	-8.8	119.2	-1.7	-11.9
Other Food Products	124.7	-0.1	2.5	119.8	0.2	2.1
Coffee & Tea	128.9	4.6	-1.7	124.6	1.1	0.2
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	79.9	-3.0	-6.7	100.9	0.1	-3.2
Food Purchased From Restaurants	126.8	-0.1	1.6	124.6	0.2	2.7
Shelter	**103.6**	**0.4**	**2.0**	**116.5**	**-0.8**	**3.3**
Rented Accommodation	114.5	0.1	1.2	116.9	0.1	1.7
Owned Accommodation	91.0	0.2	1.8	110.3	0.3	3.0
Property taxes	141.7	0.0	3.5	123.1	0.0	2.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	146.9	1.9	5.1	139.9	-6.5	8.0
Electricity	106.8	0.0	0.7	106.3	-10.1	-11.0
Piped Gas	230.3	12.0	16.0	230.3	5.6	49.6
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	165.0	-7.6	26.1	163.0	-18.0	25.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	**121.7**	**-0.3**	**0.2**	**114.5**	**0.0**	**0.5**
Household Operations	126.5	-0.2	0.1	118.4	-0.1	0.6
Household Furnishings	115.5	-0.9	0.3	108.7	0.2	0.6
Clothing & Footwear	**113.5**	**-0.3**	**-0.6**	**103.8**	**-1.6**	**-2.6**
Clothing	110.3	-0.9	-2.6	101.5	-2.5	-4.2
Women's Clothing	111.9	-1.9	-1.1	101.7	-3.8	-3.4
Men's Clothing	111.9	0.7	-3.1	102.8	-0.8	-3.7
Children's Clothing	99.4	-2.4	-7.3	97.3	-2.6	-7.7
Footwear	115.9	1.8	5.3	105.6	0.4	0.1
Transportation	**140.7**	**-1.7**	**4.2**	**141.8**	**-1.9**	**6.0**
Private Transportation	136.8	-1.9	4.2	139.2	-2.2	6.0
Operation of Motor Vehicles	142.1	-3.4	7.8	147.1	-3.7	10.8
Gasoline	153.1	-8.5	11.5	135.7	-9.0	4.1
Public Transportation	178.2	0.6	5.0	170.1	0.5	5.1
Local & Commuter	142.8	0.0	1.1	140.6	0.1	2.6
Inter-City	193.0	0.7	6.4	193.6	0.8	6.6
Health & Personal Care	**122.6**	**0.7**	**0.5**	**116.8**	**0.6**	**1.3**
Health Care	127.5	1.7	1.5	122.4	1.3	1.7
Personal Care	117.7	-0.5	-0.6	112.5	-0.1	0.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	**126.9**	**0.0**	**4.3**	**126.3**	**-0.3**	**1.3**
Recreation	119.3	-0.1	2.2	115.0	-0.5	0.4
Education & Reading	155.3	0.1	11.2	167.4	0.1	3.6
Education	158.0	0.0	14.9	183.0	0.0	4.3
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	150.8	0.6	4.6	139.2	0.1	2.0
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**135.3**	**0.1**	**9.2**	**134.5**	**0.5**	**15.2**
Alcoholic Beverages	117.5	0.1	0.6	120.6	0.0	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	113.7	0.1	-1.0	120.6	0.1	1.3
Beer Purchased from Stores	131.7	0.0	3.4	129.5	0.2	2.5
Liquor Purchased from Stores	101.2	0.3	-0.9	107.7	0.0	0.7
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	151.3	0.2	18.8	131.2	0.9	26.3
Cigarettes	151.1	0.1	18.7	130.1	0.9	26.2
All-Items Excluding Food	119.9	-0.2	2.6	121.9	-0.8	3.4
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	117.8	-0.2	2.1	122.2	-0.7	2.4
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	117.5	0.1	2.1	120.2	0.0	3.2

April 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

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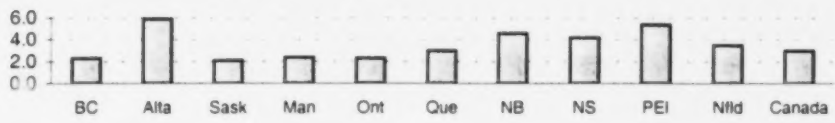
Provinces	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	April 2003	March 2003	April 2002	2002	2001	2001/02
Canada	121.9	-0.7	3.0	119.0	116.4	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	121.0	-0.3	3.5	117.3	114.5	2.4
Prince Edward Island	123.1	0.4	5.4	117.7	114.6	2.7
Nova Scotia	123.9	-1.0	4.2	119.8	116.3	3.0
New Brunswick	123.0	-0.6	4.6	118.6	114.7	3.4
Quebec	118.3	-0.8	3.0	115.5	113.2	2.0
Ontario	122.3	-1.0	2.3	120.1	117.7	2.0
Manitoba	125.4	-0.2	2.4	123.1	121.2	1.6
Saskatchewan	126.1	-0.5	2.1	123.7	120.3	2.8
Alberta	130.2	0.0	5.9	124.2	120.1	3.4
British Columbia	**120.4**	**-0.2**	**2.3**	**117.9**	**115.2**	**2.3**
Whitehorse	120.3	-0.3	3.1	117.7	116.9	0.7
Yellowknife	119.2	0.3	3.6	116.3	113.0	2.9
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	99.9	-0.1				

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	April 2003	March 2003	April 2002	2002	2001	2001/02
St. John's	120.9	-0.3	3.3	117.3	114.5	2.4
Charlottetown	122.0	0.4	4.8	117.1	114.2	2.5
Halifax	122.9	-0.7	4.0	119.1	115.5	3.1
Saint John	122.4	-0.6	4.5	118.2	114.5	3.2
Quebec City	118.9	-0.8	2.9	116.2	113.8	2.1
Montreal	118.2	-0.8	2.7	115.7	113.4	2.0
Ottawa	123.7	-1.2	2.1	121.9	119.3	2.2
Toronto	123.5	-0.6	2.9	120.6	118.1	2.1
Thunder Bay	121.7	-0.6	2.9	119.3	117.5	1.5
Winnipeg	125.5	-0.2	2.3	123.3	121.5	1.5
Regina	127.0	-0.5	2.2	124.6	121.3	2.7
Saskatoon	125.3	-0.5	2.0	123.1	119.7	2.8
Edmonton	128.8	-0.1	7.4	121.9	118.4	3.0
Calgary	130.9	0.2	4.4	125.8	121.3	3.7
Vancouver	**121.0**	**-0.2**	**2.2**	**118.6**	**116.0**	**2.2**
Victoria	**119.9**	**-0.2**	**2.4**	**117.4**	**114.3**	**2.7**

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year

April 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2002		Month	Year								
Jan	115.4	0.5	0.8	120.4	101.3	120.2	112.2	128.1	120.1	120.1	115.0
Feb	115.9	0.4	2.9	120.4	101.3	120.3	115.3	128.3	120.8	121.3	117.9
Mar	116.6	0.6	2.9	120.0	101.1	120.8	116.2	131.4	120.5	121.4	123.4
Apr	117.7	0.9	2.3	121.5	101.6	121.4	114.2	135.0	122.0	121.7	123.9
May	118.1	0.3	2.2	120.9	101.8	121.2	112.8	135.9	122.0	125.4	126.2
Jun	118.2	0.1	1.6	121.0	102.0	120.9	111.1	136.0	122.5	126.1	127.8
Jul	118.5	0.3	1.9	120.3	102.1	121.1	110.7	137.2	121.7	127.2	129.9
Aug	118.7	0.2	2.2	120.9	102.1	121.0	110.5	137.7	123.0	127.1	130.4
Sep	118.8	0.1	1.8	119.8	102.0	121.0	113.6	137.6	122.4	128.6	130.5
Oct	118.7	-0.1	2.5	119.1	102.4	121.1	114.0	137.7	123.3	126.6	131.2
Nov	118.9	0.2	3.5	121.0	102.6	121.3	111.6	137.7	122.7	125.6	131.8
Dec	118.8	-0.1	3.5	121.7	102.6	121.3	109.5	137.4	122.0	125.2	131.9
2003											
Jan	119.0	0.2	3.1	122.1	102.7	121.3	110.3	138.0	122.8	125.1	132.2
Feb	119.6	0.5	3.2	121.1	102.9	122.3	112.0	140.3	122.7	126.0	134.0
Mar	120.6	0.8	3.4	122.3	103.2	122.1	113.8	143.2	121.8	126.9	135.2
Apr	120.4	-0.2	2.3	122.7	103.6	121.7	113.5	140.7	122.6	126.9	135.3

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2002		Month	Year								
Jan	116.2	0.3	1.3	120.0	113.0	112.9	102.3	126.9	114.3	122.3	112.2
Feb	116.9	0.6	1.5	120.6	113.1	113.1	105.4	127.5	114.8	124.1	112.9
Mar	117.7	0.7	1.8	120.4	113.1	113.7	107.1	130.5	114.5	124.9	114.1
Apr	118.4	0.6	1.7	120.9	112.8	113.9	106.6	133.8	115.3	124.7	116.8
May	118.6	0.2	1.0	120.4	113.1	113.8	104.6	134.1	115.7	126.8	118.8
Jun	119.0	0.3	1.3	120.9	113.1	114.0	104.2	134.0	115.9	127.2	124.1
Jul	119.6	0.5	2.1	120.9	113.2	114.2	105.0	135.4	115.4	128.4	129.5
Aug	120.1	0.4	2.6	120.2	114.2	114.3	105.0	137.0	115.6	128.5	129.8
Sep	120.1	0.0	2.3	119.2	114.6	113.8	107.3	136.8	115.7	128.7	129.9
Oct	120.5	0.3	3.2	118.5	115.8	113.9	107.1	137.9	116.2	127.7	131.2
Nov	120.8	0.2	4.3	120.4	115.7	114.0	105.2	139.2	116.2	126.7	131.9
Dec	120.4	-0.3	3.9	121.2	114.0	114.0	102.3	140.1	116.1	126.0	131.6
2003											
Jan	121.4	0.8	4.5	122.3	116.2	113.9	101.6	141.9	116.1	125.4	132.0
Feb	122.3	0.7	4.6	122.1	116.7	114.5	103.8	144.1	116.4	127.1	133.5
Mar	122.8	0.4	4.3	122.4	117.4	114.5	105.5	144.6	116.1	126.7	133.8
Apr	121.9	-0.7	3.0	122.4	116.5	114.5	103.8	141.8	116.8	126.3	134.5

April 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100), Selected Items

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
	2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
2002	Jan	112.7	89.2	198.6	123.7	106.1	113.2	123.7	114.3	113.4	113.5
	Feb	112.9	89.2	198.6	119.3	106.1	113.4	123.6	114.9	113.8	114.1
	Mar	113.0	88.9	198.6	121.6	106.1	126.4	130.5	115.9	114.3	114.6
	Apr	113.1	89.4	198.6	130.8	106.1	137.3	136.6	116.9	115.4	115.1
	May	113.3	89.6	198.6	132.2	106.1	139.9	138.0	117.6	115.8	115.7
	Jun	113.5	90.0	198.6	132.2	106.1	140.4	138.3	117.7	115.9	115.9
	Jul	113.6	89.9	198.6	132.2	106.5	141.8	139.3	118.2	116.1	116.3
	Aug	113.8	89.8	198.6	132.2	106.5	142.6	139.7	118.3	116.3	116.4
	Sep	113.8	89.7	198.6	136.2	106.5	144.5	140.8	118.6	116.3	116.7
	Oct	114.0	90.1	198.6	141.2	106.5	146.5	142.1	118.7	116.2	116.6
	Nov	114.1	90.5	198.6	141.0	106.5	144.5	141.0	118.5	116.4	116.5
	Dec	114.2	90.6	198.6	136.6	106.5	138.1	137.5	117.2	116.3	116.5
2003	Jan	114.2	90.5	202.7	143.4	106.8	141.6	139.8	118.4	116.5	116.5
	Feb	114.3	90.6	202.7	150.5	106.8	154.0	146.1	119.3	117.0	117.0
	Mar	114.4	90.8	205.7	178.6	106.8	167.4	153.5	120.2	118.0	117.4
	Apr	114.5	91.0	230.3	165.0	106.8	153.1	147.9	119.9	117.8	117.5

[1] *electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
2002	Jan	114.4	106.5	191.2	120.5	116.3	110.3	121.8	115.5	117.2	114.7
	Feb	114.6	106.6	190.5	119.7	116.1	111.8	122.4	116.2	117.9	115.4
	Mar	114.7	106.7	176.6	122.7	119.3	122.1	127.2	117.2	118.7	116.0
	Apr	115.0	107.1	153.9	130.2	119.4	130.4	129.4	117.9	119.3	116.5
	May	115.2	107.4	155.4	130.1	119.4	128.0	128.4	118.3	119.4	117.0
	Jun	115.4	107.7	153.9	130.1	117.2	126.9	127.0	118.6	119.5	117.5
	Jul	115.6	107.7	145.2	130.1	121.0	130.4	129.0	119.4	120.0	118.2
	Aug	115.9	107.8	147.7	130.1	129.2	133.6	133.4	120.2	120.5	118.5
	Sep	116.0	107.8	155.4	135.1	128.9	133.9	134.6	120.4	120.5	118.7
	Oct	116.2	108.4	184.2	144.2	125.5	136.0	138.4	121.0	120.8	118.9
	Nov	116.4	108.7	183.4	144.8	122.7	133.5	136.2	121.0	121.2	119.2
	Dec	116.5	109.2	187.1	144.5	99.7	130.0	127.6	120.2	120.7	119.3
2003	Jan	116.6	109.4	201.3	158.1	118.4	138.0	140.4	121.3	121.7	119.2
	Feb	116.7	109.7	203.5	176.9	118.4	147.7	146.5	122.4	122.6	119.9
	Mar	116.8	110.0	218.1	198.9	118.3	149.1	149.5	122.9	123.1	120.2
	Apr	116.9	110.3	230.3	163.0	106.3	135.7	137.4	121.9	122.2	120.2

* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

April 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1999	111.4	0.9		99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2		100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2001	116.0	1.8		103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2		103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2002		Month	Year				
Jan	116.3	0.4	0.9	102.8	112.2	90.7	149.6
Feb	116.6	0.3	2.4	102.9	112.5	90.7	149.5
Mar	117.4	0.7	3.0	102.7	112.6	90.4	149.7
Apr	118.4	0.9	2.3	103.3	112.8	91.3	149.9
May	119.0	0.5	2.3	103.6	113.0	91.6	149.8
Jun	119.0	0.0	1.7	103.5	113.1	91.4	149.8
Jul	119.2	0.2	1.9	103.6	113.3	91.4	150.1
Aug	119.3	0.1	2.0	103.5	113.4	91.2	150.1
Sep	119.6	0.3	1.8	103.5	113.5	91.1	150.3
Oct	119.6	0.0	2.7	103.8	113.6	91.6	150.6
Nov	119.7	0.1	3.5	104.0	113.7	91.9	150.4
Dec	119.5	-0.2	3.2	104.1	113.9	91.9	150.2
2003							
Jan	119.7	0.2	2.9	104.1	113.9	91.8	150.7
Feb	120.3	0.5	3.2	104.2	114.0	92.0	150.8
Mar	121.2	0.7	3.2	104.6	114.1	92.4	151.5
Apr	121.0	-0.2	2.2	105.1	114.3	92.5	155.9

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1999	111.1	1.0		98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7		99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2001	114.3	1.2		98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7		100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2002		Month	Year				
Jan	114.9	0.5	1.0	100.1	112.3	89.7	119.1
Feb	115.4	0.4	3.7	100.0	112.6	89.6	118.3
Mar	116.1	0.6	3.3	99.9	112.6	89.3	118.6
Apr	117.1	0.9	2.5	100.2	112.7	89.5	120.2
May	117.6	0.4	2.4	100.4	113.0	89.6	120.5
Jun	117.8	0.2	2.1	100.9	113.1	90.3	120.5
Jul	118.1	0.3	2.3	101.0	113.4	90.4	120.5
Aug	118.3	0.2	2.7	101.0	113.4	90.3	120.5
Sep	118.4	0.1	2.3	100.9	113.5	90.1	121.0
Oct	118.3	-0.1	2.7	101.6	113.7	90.9	122.0
Nov	118.6	0.3	3.7	101.9	113.8	91.3	122.5
Dec	118.4	-0.2	3.6	101.9	113.9	91.3	122.1
2003							
Jan	118.7	0.3	3.3	101.9	114.0	91.2	123.2
Feb	119.2	0.4	3.3	102.1	114.0	91.3	123.8
Mar	120.1	0.8	3.4	102.5	114.1	91.4	128.4
Apr	119.9	-0.2	2.4	102.6	114.2	91.7	127.1

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Consumer Price Index ◆ May 2003

Highlights

- Compared to May 2002, BC consumers paid 1.9% more for the basket of goods included in the CPI. Manitoba posted the lowest increase at 1.5%, while Alberta continues to have the highest year-over-year inflation rate in the country at 4.8%. Nationally, the CPI rose 2.9%.

- Edmonton's 6.3% increase in the CPI from May 2002 is the highest among the metropolitan areas, while Winnipeg, at 1.5%, had the lowest year-over-year increase from last May, followed closely by Vancouver (+1.6%). Victoria prices rose 2.0% during the same period.

- Contributing to BC's year-over-year inflation were higher prices for cigarettes (+18.1%), piped gas (+16.0%), and education (+14.9%). Gasoline prices were only 1.5% higher than in May 2002, dropping 7.3% from last month. Offsetting these increases were lower prices for children's clothing (-12.8%), fresh fruit (-3.4%), women's clothing (-3.0%), fresh vegetables (-2.9%), and alcoholic beverages purchased from stores (-2.7%).

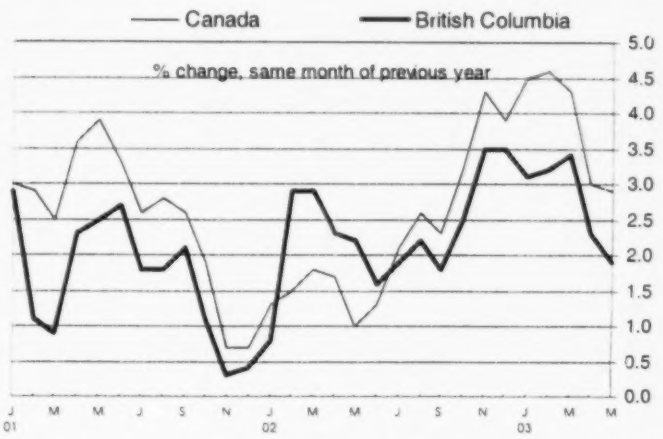
- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, rose 1.8% from last May. The comparable figure for Canada was 2.9%.

- Costs for both internet and financial services in BC remained unchanged from last month.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the June Consumer Price Index on July 22, 2003.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	May 2003	April 2003	May 2002
Canada	122.0	0.1	2.9
BC	120.4	0.0	1.9
Vancouver	120.9	-0.1	1.6
Victoria	119.9	0.0	2.0

Inflation Trend Continues to Drop



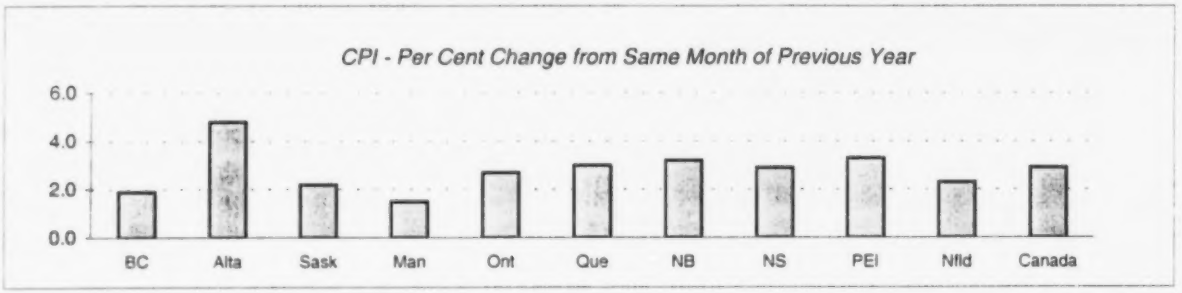
1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in May)	Latest 12-Month Average % Change
Canada	120.9	3.2
BC	119.2	2.6
Vancouver	119.9	2.5
Victoria	118.8	2.8

May 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

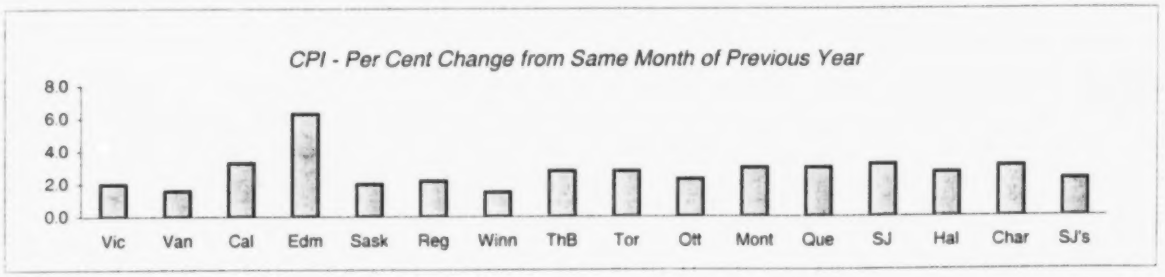
	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index May 2003	% change April 2003	% change May 2002	Index May 2003	% change April 2003	% change May 2002
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**120.4**	**0.0**	**1.9**	**122.0**	**0.1**	**2.9**
Food	**123.3**	**0.5**	**2.0**	**122.8**	**0.3**	**2.0**
Food Purchased From Stores	121.8	0.7	2.2	122.3	0.4	1.7
Meat	131.1	0.5	2.8	131.3	0.1	2.7
Fish & Other Seafood	131.2	1.9	1.1	123.8	0.8	0.5
Dairy Products & Eggs	125.9	1.0	2.9	123.8	0.2	2.9
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	122.3	0.2	4.2	126.2	-0.5	4.6
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	106.4	2.6	-1.7	108.2	2.9	-1.8
Fresh Fruit	103.2	5.3	-3.4	110.1	4.8	-3.4
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	106.7	0.7	-1.4	114.8	-0.7	-4.1
Fresh Vegetables	104.5	0.4	-2.9	117.8	-1.2	-6.1
Other Food Products	124.8	0.1	4.2	120.4	0.5	3.2
Coffee & Tea	128.3	-0.5	-1.2	125.0	0.3	-0.6
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	79.2	-0.9	-2.2	100.0	-0.9	-1.3
Food Purchased From Restaurants	126.9	0.1	1.8	124.8	0.2	2.6
Shelter	**103.8**	**0.2**	**2.0**	**117.1**	**0.5**	**3.5**
Rented Accommodation	114.5	0.0	1.1	117.0	0.1	1.6
Owned Accommodation	91.3	0.3	1.9	110.6	0.3	3.0
Property taxes	141.7	0.0	3.5	123.1	0.0	2.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	146.3	-0.4	4.6	143.1	2.3	10.2
Electricity	106.8	0.0	0.7	117.9	10.9	-1.3
Piped Gas	230.3	0.0	16.0	210.2	-8.7	35.3
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	149.8	-9.2	13.3	143.7	-11.8	10.5
Household Operations & Furnishings	**121.9**	**0.2**	**0.6**	**114.5**	**0.0**	**0.6**
Household Operations	127.2	0.6	0.9	118.5	0.1	0.7
Household Furnishings	114.9	-0.5	0.0	108.4	-0.3	0.4
Clothing & Footwear	**112.1**	**-1.2**	**-0.6**	**103.4**	**-0.4**	**-1.1**
Clothing	107.7	-2.4	-3.1	100.8	-0.7	-2.1
Women's Clothing	108.4	-3.1	-3.0	100.5	-1.2	-1.3
Men's Clothing	111.0	-0.8	0.0	103.0	0.2	-1.6
Children's Clothing	95.7	-3.7	-12.8	96.0	-1.3	-7.0
Footwear	114.1	-1.6	2.5	105.5	-0.1	-1.1
Transportation	**138.7**	**-1.4**	**2.1**	**139.8**	**-1.4**	**4.3**
Private Transportation	134.5	-1.7	2.0	137.2	-1.4	4.5
Operation of Motor Vehicles	138.0	-2.9	3.9	142.9	-2.9	7.6
Gasoline	142.0	-7.3	1.5	126.4	-6.9	-1.2
Public Transportation	178.1	-0.1	2.7	170.1	0.0	3.2
Local & Commuter	142.8	0.0	1.1	140.6	0.0	2.6
Inter-City	192.8	-0.1	3.2	193.5	-0.1	3.4
Health & Personal Care	**121.9**	**-0.6**	**-0.1**	**117.1**	**0.3**	**1.2**
Health Care	127.7	0.2	1.8	122.5	0.1	1.7
Personal Care	115.8	-1.6	-2.2	113.0	0.4	0.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	**128.7**	**1.4**	**2.6**	**127.2**	**0.7**	**0.3**
Recreation	121.6	1.9	0.3	116.2	1.0	-0.7
Education & Reading	155.3	0.0	11.2	167.4	0.0	3.6
Education	158.0	0.0	14.9	183.0	0.0	4.3
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	150.8	0.0	4.6	139.4	0.1	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**136.3**	**0.7**	**8.0**	**136.2**	**1.3**	**14.6**
Alcoholic Beverages	117.7	0.2	-1.0	121.4	0.7	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	113.7	0.0	-2.7	121.3	0.6	1.7
Beer Purchased from Stores	131.7	0.0	0.0	130.7	0.9	3.6
Liquor Purchased from Stores	101.2	0.0	-1.5	107.8	0.1	-0.1
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	153.2	1.3	18.2	133.4	1.7	25.0
Cigarettes	153.0	1.3	18.1	132.2	1.6	24.7
All-Items Excluding Food	119.8	-0.1	1.9	121.9	0.0	3.0
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	117.7	-0.1	1.6	122.2	0.0	2.3
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	117.8	0.3	1.8	120.4	0.2	2.9

May 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	May 2003	April 2003	May 2002	2002	2001	2001/02
Canada	122.0	0.1	2.9	119.0	116.4	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	120.7	-0.2	2.3	117.3	114.5	2.4
Prince Edward Island	121.9	-1.0	3.3	117.7	114.6	2.7
Nova Scotia	123.5	-0.3	2.9	119.8	116.3	3.0
New Brunswick	122.1	-0.7	3.2	118.6	114.7	3.4
Quebec	118.3	0.0	3.0	115.5	113.2	2.0
Ontario	122.7	0.3	2.7	120.1	117.7	2.0
Manitoba	125.1	-0.2	1.5	123.1	121.2	1.6
Saskatchewan	126.4	0.2	2.2	123.7	120.3	2.8
Alberta	129.4	-0.6	4.8	124.2	120.1	3.4
British Columbia	**120.4**	**0.0**	**1.9**	**117.9**	**115.2**	**2.3**
Whitehorse	119.8	-0.4	2.1	117.7	116.9	0.7
Yellowknife	118.9	-0.3	2.5	116.3	113.0	2.9
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	100.1	0.2				



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	May 2003	April 2003	May 2002	2002	2001	2001/02
St. John's	120.7	-0.2	2.3	117.3	114.5	2.4
Charlottetown	121.0	-0.8	3.1	117.1	114.2	2.5
Halifax	122.6	-0.2	2.7	119.1	115.5	3.1
Saint John	121.7	-0.6	3.2	118.2	114.5	3.2
Quebec City	118.9	0.0	3.0	116.2	113.8	2.1
Montreal	118.3	0.1	3.0	115.7	113.4	2.0
Ottawa	124.2	0.4	2.3	121.9	119.3	2.2
Toronto	123.4	-0.1	2.8	120.6	118.1	2.1
Thunder Bay	121.6	-0.1	2.8	119.3	117.5	1.5
Winnipeg	125.3	-0.2	1.5	123.3	121.5	1.5
Regina	127.3	0.2	2.2	124.6	121.3	2.7
Saskatoon	125.7	0.3	2.0	123.1	119.7	2.8
Edmonton	128.0	-0.6	6.3	121.9	118.4	3.0
Calgary	130.1	-0.6	3.3	125.8	121.3	3.7
Vancouver	**120.9**	**-0.1**	**1.6**	**118.6**	**116.0**	**2.2**
Victoria	**119.9**	**0.0**	**2.0**	**117.4**	**114.3**	**2.7**



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British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2002		Month	Year								
Jan	115.4	0.5	0.8	120.4	101.3	120.2	112.2	128.1	120.1	120.1	115.0
Feb	115.9	0.4	2.9	120.4	101.3	120.3	115.3	128.3	120.8	121.3	117.9
Mar	116.6	0.6	2.9	120.0	101.1	120.8	116.2	131.4	120.5	121.4	123.4
Apr	117.7	0.9	2.3	121.5	101.6	121.4	114.2	135.0	122.0	121.7	123.9
May	118.1	0.3	2.2	120.9	101.8	121.2	112.8	135.9	122.0	125.4	126.2
Jun	118.2	0.1	1.6	121.0	102.0	120.9	111.1	136.0	122.5	126.1	127.8
Jul	118.5	0.3	1.9	120.3	102.1	121.1	110.7	137.2	121.7	127.2	129.9
Aug	118.7	0.2	2.2	120.9	102.1	121.0	110.5	137.7	123.0	127.1	130.4
Sep	118.8	0.1	1.8	119.8	102.0	121.0	113.6	137.6	122.4	128.6	130.5
Oct	118.7	-0.1	2.5	119.1	102.4	121.1	114.0	137.7	123.3	126.6	131.2
Nov	118.9	0.2	3.5	121.0	102.6	121.3	111.6	137.7	122.7	125.6	131.8
Dec	118.8	-0.1	3.5	121.7	102.6	121.3	109.5	137.4	122.0	125.2	131.9
2003											
Jan	119.0	0.2	3.1	122.1	102.7	121.3	110.3	138.0	122.8	125.1	132.2
Feb	119.6	0.5	3.2	121.1	102.9	122.3	112.0	140.3	122.7	126.0	134.0
Mar	120.6	0.8	3.4	122.3	103.2	122.1	113.8	143.2	121.8	126.9	135.2
Apr	120.4	-0.2	2.3	122.7	103.6	121.7	113.5	140.7	122.6	126.9	135.3
May	120.4	0.0	1.9	123.3	103.8	121.9	112.1	138.7	121.9	128.7	136.3

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2002		Month	Year								
Jan	116.2	0.3	1.3	120.0	113.0	112.9	102.3	126.9	114.3	122.3	112.2
Feb	116.9	0.6	1.5	120.6	113.1	113.1	105.4	127.5	114.8	124.1	112.9
Mar	117.7	0.7	1.8	120.4	113.1	113.7	107.1	130.5	114.5	124.9	114.1
Apr	118.4	0.6	1.7	120.9	112.8	113.9	106.6	133.8	115.3	124.7	116.8
May	118.6	0.2	1.0	120.4	113.1	113.8	104.6	134.1	115.7	126.8	118.8
Jun	119.0	0.3	1.3	120.9	113.1	114.0	104.2	134.0	115.9	127.2	124.1
Jul	119.6	0.5	2.1	120.9	113.2	114.2	105.0	135.4	115.4	128.4	129.5
Aug	120.1	0.4	2.6	120.2	114.2	114.3	105.0	137.0	115.6	128.5	129.8
Sep	120.1	0.0	2.3	119.2	114.6	113.8	107.3	136.8	115.7	128.7	129.9
Oct	120.5	0.3	3.2	118.5	115.8	113.9	107.1	137.9	116.2	127.7	131.2
Nov	120.8	0.2	4.3	120.4	115.7	114.0	105.2	139.2	116.2	126.7	131.9
Dec	120.4	-0.3	3.9	121.2	114.0	114.0	102.3	140.1	116.1	126.0	131.6
2003											
Jan	121.4	0.8	4.5	122.3	116.2	113.9	101.6	141.9	116.1	125.4	132.0
Feb	122.3	0.7	4.6	122.1	116.7	114.5	103.8	144.1	116.4	127.1	133.5
Mar	122.8	0.4	4.3	122.4	117.4	114.5	105.5	144.6	116.1	126.7	133.8
Apr	121.9	-0.7	3.0	122.4	116.5	114.5	103.8	141.8	116.8	126.3	134.5
May	122.0	0.1	2.9	122.8	117.1	114.5	103.4	139.8	117.1	127.2	136.2

May 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100), Selected Items

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
	2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
2002	Jan	112.7	89.2	198.6	123.7	106.1	113.2	123.7	114.3	113.4	113.5
	Feb	112.9	89.2	198.6	119.3	106.1	113.4	123.6	114.9	113.8	114.1
	Mar	113.0	88.9	198.6	121.6	106.1	126.4	130.5	115.9	114.3	114.6
	Apr	113.1	89.4	198.6	130.8	106.1	137.3	136.6	116.9	115.4	115.1
	May	113.3	89.6	198.6	132.2	106.1	139.9	138.0	117.6	115.8	115.7
	Jun	113.5	90.0	198.6	132.2	106.1	140.4	138.3	117.7	115.9	115.9
	Jul	113.6	89.9	198.6	132.2	106.5	141.8	139.3	118.2	116.1	116.3
	Aug	113.8	89.8	198.6	132.2	106.5	142.6	139.7	118.3	116.3	116.4
	Sep	113.8	89.7	198.6	136.2	106.5	144.5	140.8	118.6	116.3	116.7
	Oct	114.0	90.1	198.6	141.2	106.5	146.5	142.1	118.7	116.2	116.6
	Nov	114.1	90.5	198.6	141.0	106.5	144.5	141.0	118.5	116.4	116.5
	Dec	114.2	90.6	198.6	136.6	106.5	138.1	137.5	118.2	116.3	116.5
2003	Jan	114.2	90.5	202.7	143.4	106.8	141.6	139.8	118.4	116.5	116.5
	Feb	114.3	90.6	202.7	150.5	106.8	154.0	146.1	119.3	117.0	117.0
	Mar	114.4	90.8	205.7	178.6	106.8	167.4	153.5	120.2	118.0	117.4
	Apr	114.5	91.0	230.3	165.0	106.8	153.1	147.9	119.9	117.8	117.5
	May	114.5	91.3	230.3	149.8	106.8	142.0	142.1	119.8	117.7	117.8

[1] *electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
2002	Jan	114.4	106.5	191.2	120.5	116.3	110.3	121.8	115.5	117.2	114.7
	Feb	114.6	106.6	190.5	119.7	116.1	111.8	122.4	116.2	117.9	115.4
	Mar	114.7	106.7	176.6	122.7	119.3	122.1	127.2	117.2	118.7	116.0
	Apr	115.0	107.1	153.9	130.2	119.4	130.4	129.4	117.9	119.3	116.5
	May	115.2	107.4	155.4	130.1	119.4	128.0	128.4	118.3	119.4	117.0
	Jun	115.4	107.7	153.9	130.1	117.2	126.9	127.0	118.6	119.5	117.5
	Jul	115.6	107.7	145.2	130.1	121.0	130.4	129.0	119.4	120.0	118.2
	Aug	115.9	107.8	147.7	130.1	129.2	133.6	133.4	120.2	120.5	118.5
	Sep	116.0	107.8	155.4	135.1	128.9	133.9	134.6	120.4	120.5	118.7
	Oct	116.2	108.4	184.2	144.2	125.5	136.0	138.4	121.0	120.8	118.9
	Nov	116.4	108.7	183.4	144.8	122.7	133.5	136.2	121.0	121.2	119.2
	Dec	116.5	109.2	187.1	144.5	99.7	130.0	127.6	120.2	120.7	119.3
2003	Jan	116.6	109.4	201.3	158.1	118.4	138.0	140.4	121.3	121.7	119.2
	Feb	116.7	109.7	203.5	176.9	118.4	147.7	146.5	122.4	122.6	119.9
	Mar	116.8	110.0	218.1	198.9	118.3	149.1	149.5	122.9	123.1	120.2
	Apr	116.9	110.3	230.3	163.0	106.3	135.7	137.4	121.9	122.2	120.2
	May	117.0	110.6	210.2	143.7	117.9	126.4	134.4	121.9	122.2	120.4

* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

May 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1999	111.4	0.9	99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2	100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2002		Month / Year				
Jan	116.3	0.4 / 0.9	102.8	112.2	90.7	149.6
Feb	116.6	0.3 / 2.4	102.9	112.5	90.7	149.5
Mar	117.4	0.7 / 3.0	102.7	112.6	90.4	149.7
Apr	118.4	0.9 / 2.3	103.3	112.8	91.3	149.9
May	119.0	0.5 / 2.3	103.6	113.0	91.6	149.8
Jun	119.0	0.0 / 1.7	103.5	113.1	91.4	149.8
Jul	119.2	0.2 / 1.9	103.6	113.3	91.4	150.1
Aug	119.3	0.1 / 2.0	103.5	113.4	91.2	150.1
Sep	119.6	0.3 / 1.8	103.5	113.5	91.1	150.3
Oct	119.6	0.0 / 2.7	103.8	113.6	91.6	150.6
Nov	119.7	0.1 / 3.5	104.0	113.7	91.9	150.4
Dec	119.5	-0.2 / 3.2	104.1	113.9	91.9	150.2
2003						
Jan	119.7	0.2 / 2.9	104.1	113.9	91.8	150.7
Feb	120.3	0.5 / 3.2	104.2	114.0	92.0	150.8
Mar	121.2	0.7 / 3.2	104.6	114.1	92.4	151.5
Apr	121.0	-0.2 / 2.2	105.1	114.3	92.5	155.9
May	120.9	-0.1 / 1.6	105.2	114.3	92.7	155.7

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1999	111.1	1.0	98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7	99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2002		Month / Year				
Jan	114.9	0.5 / 1.0	100.1	112.3	89.7	119.1
Feb	115.4	0.4 / 3.7	100.0	112.6	89.6	118.3
Mar	116.1	0.6 / 3.3	99.9	112.6	89.3	118.6
Apr	117.1	0.9 / 2.5	100.2	112.7	89.5	120.2
May	117.6	0.4 / 2.4	100.4	113.0	89.6	120.5
Jun	117.8	0.2 / 2.1	100.9	113.1	90.3	120.5
Jul	118.1	0.3 / 2.3	101.0	113.4	90.4	120.5
Aug	118.3	0.2 / 2.7	101.0	113.4	90.3	120.5
Sep	118.4	0.1 / 2.3	100.9	113.5	90.1	121.0
Oct	118.3	-0.1 / 2.7	101.6	113.7	90.9	122.0
Nov	118.6	0.3 / 3.7	101.9	113.8	91.3	122.5
Dec	118.4	-0.2 / 3.6	101.9	113.9	91.3	122.1
2003						
Jan	118.7	0.3 / 3.3	101.9	114.0	91.2	123.2
Feb	119.2	0.4 / 3.3	102.1	114.0	91.3	123.8
Mar	120.1	0.8 / 3.4	102.5	114.1	91.4	128.4
Apr	119.9	-0.2 / 2.4	102.6	114.2	91.7	127.1
May	119.9	0.0 / 2.0	102.8	114.1	92.2	124.6

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Consumer Price Index ◆ June 2003

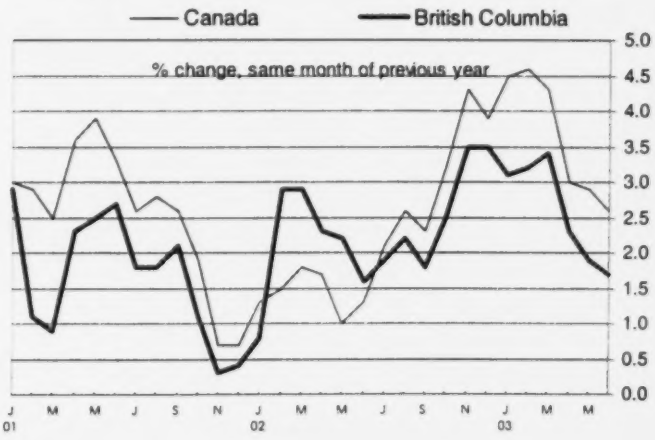
Highlights

- Compared to June 2002, BC consumers paid 1.7% more for the basket of goods included in the CPI, a drop from May's year-over-year increase of 1.9%.
- Manitoba posted the lowest price increase from last June at 1.1%, while Alberta continues to have the highest inflation rate in the country at 4.8%. Nationally, the CPI rose 2.6% during the same period.
- Edmonton's 6.2% increase in the CPI from June 2002 is the highest among the metropolitan areas, while Winnipeg, at 1.0%, had the lowest increase from last June, followed by Vancouver (+1.5%) and Victoria (+1.6%).
- Energy prices continue to push up the all-items index across the country. Nationally, the price of piped gas rose 48.3% from June 2002. Contributing to BC's year-over-year inflation were higher prices for piped gas (+16.0%), cigarettes (+14.4%), education (+14.2%), and fuel oil (+13.3%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for children's clothing (-9.5%), fresh vegetables (-5.0%), personal care (-3.1%), women's clothing (-2.8%), and coffee and tea (-2.5%).
- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, rose 1.5% from last June. The comparable figure for Canada was 2.3%.
- Costs for internet services in BC remained unchanged from last month, but prices for financial services rose 6.5% from May 2003.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the July Consumer Price Index on August 19, 2003.

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	June 2003	May 2003	June 2002
Canada	122.1	0.1	2.6
BC	120.2	-0.2	1.7
Vancouver	120.8	-0.1	1.5
Victoria	119.7	-0.2	1.6

BC and Canada Inflation Continues To Slide



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in June)	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2002 Annual Average % Change
Canada	121.2	3.3	2.2
BC	119.4	2.6	2.3
Vancouver	120.1	2.5	2.2
Victoria	119.0	2.8	2.7

June 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index June 2003	% change May 2003	% change June 2002	Index June 2003	% change May 2003	% change June 2002
All-items Index (1992=100)	**120.2**	**-0.2**	**1.7**	**122.1**	**0.1**	**2.6**
Food	**123.3**	**0.0**	**1.9**	**123.2**	**0.3**	**1.9**
Food Purchased From Stores	121.7	-0.1	2.2	122.7	0.3	1.7
Meat	129.8	-1.0	3.3	131.0	-0.2	2.7
Fish & Other Seafood	128.9	-1.8	0.7	123.8	0.0	0.8
Dairy Products & Eggs	125.5	-0.3	2.4	124.3	0.4	3.3
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	122.6	0.2	4.3	126.3	0.1	4.3
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	105.3	-1.0	0.3	108.2	0.0	-1.4
Fresh Fruit	102.5	-0.7	-1.5	110.7	0.5	-2.7
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	104.6	-2.0	-3.5	116.1	1.1	-6.4
Fresh Vegetables	101.7	-2.7	-5.0	119.5	1.4	-8.8
Other Food Products	127.3	2.0	4.3	121.5	0.9	3.9
Coffee & Tea	128.5	0.2	-2.5	124.4	-0.5	0.0
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	81.9	3.4	-0.5	101.6	1.6	-0.2
Food Purchased From Restaurants	127.1	0.2	1.5	124.9	0.1	2.4
Shelter	**103.8**	**0.0**	**1.8**	**117.7**	**0.5**	**4.1**
Rented Accommodation	114.6	0.1	1.0	117.1	0.1	1.5
Owned Accommodation	91.3	0.0	1.4	110.9	0.3	3.0
Property taxes	141.7	0.0	3.5	123.1	0.0	2.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	146.3	0.0	4.6	146.6	2.4	14.4
Electricity	106.8	0.0	0.7	119.0	0.9	1.5
Piped Gas	230.3	0.0	16.0	228.3	8.6	48.3
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	149.8	0.0	13.3	143.7	0.0	10.5
Household Operations & Furnishings	**122.0**	**0.1**	**0.9**	**114.5**	**0.0**	**0.4**
Household Operations	128.0	0.6	1.6	119.0	0.4	1.1
Household Furnishings	113.8	-1.0	-0.4	107.7	-0.6	-0.7
Clothing & Footwear	**110.4**	**-1.5**	**-0.6**	**101.0**	**-2.3**	**-3.1**
Clothing	106.1	-1.5	-3.2	97.9	-2.9	-4.5
Women's Clothing	106.9	-1.4	-2.8	99.1	-1.4	-2.7
Men's Clothing	108.3	-2.4	-1.4	97.7	-5.1	-5.2
Children's Clothing	96.8	1.1	-9.5	93.6	-2.5	-9.4
Footwear	110.7	-3.0	2.1	102.4	-2.9	-4.0
Transportation	**138.2**	**-0.4**	**1.6**	**139.5**	**-0.2**	**4.1**
Private Transportation	134.1	-0.3	1.6	136.8	-0.3	4.2
Operation of Motor Vehicles	138.1	0.1	3.8	143.8	0.6	8.3
Gasoline	142.2	0.1	1.3	127.9	1.2	0.8
Public Transportation	177.2	-0.5	2.6	169.9	-0.1	3.3
Local & Commuter	142.8	0.0	1.1	141.6	0.7	3.4
Inter-City	191.5	-0.7	3.1	192.4	-0.6	3.4
Health & Personal Care	**121.7**	**-0.2**	**-0.7**	**116.8**	**-0.3**	**0.8**
Health Care	127.5	-0.2	1.6	122.3	-0.2	1.7
Personal Care	115.7	-0.1	-3.1	112.5	-0.4	-0.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	**128.4**	**-0.2**	**1.8**	**127.6**	**0.3**	**0.3**
Recreation	121.4	-0.2	-0.2	116.7	0.4	-0.7
Education & Reading	154.7	-0.4	9.9	167.3	-0.1	3.3
Education	157.7	-0.2	14.2	182.9	-0.1	4.1
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	149.4	-0.9	1.8	139.0	-0.3	1.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**136.4**	**0.1**	**6.7**	**136.4**	**0.1**	**9.9**
Alcoholic Beverages	117.6	-0.1	-0.3	121.4	0.0	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	113.7	0.0	-1.5	121.3	0.0	1.8
Beer Purchased from Stores	131.7	0.0	0.0	130.7	0.0	3.1
Liquor Purchased from Stores	100.3	-0.9	-2.2	107.6	-0.2	-0.4
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	153.4	0.1	14.5	133.9	0.4	16.1
Cigarettes	153.3	0.2	14.4	132.7	0.4	16.0
All-Items Excluding Food	119.6	-0.2	1.6	121.9	0.0	2.8
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	117.6	-0.1	1.5	122.3	0.1	2.3
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	117.6	-0.2	1.5	120.2	-0.2	2.3

Source: Statistics Canada

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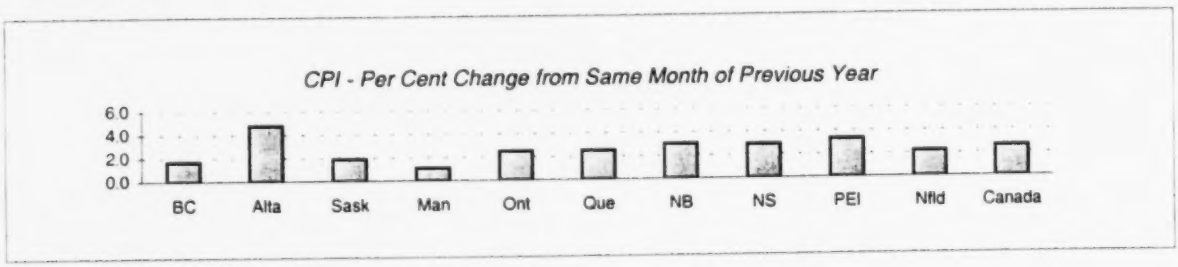
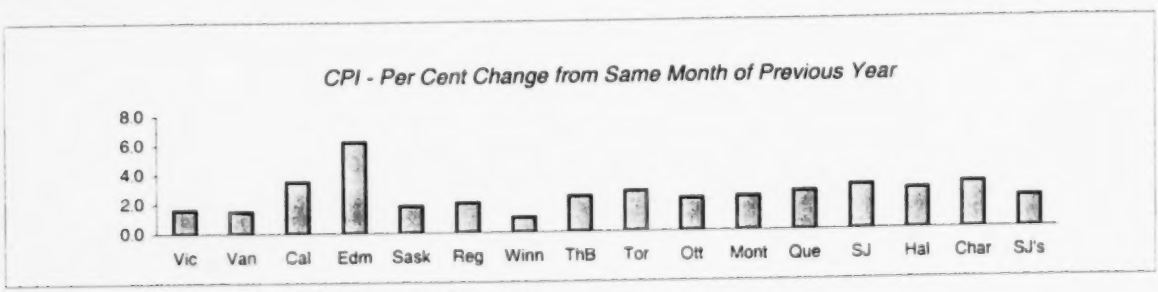
June 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	June 2003	May 2003	June 2002	2002	2001	2001/02
Canada	122.1	0.1	2.6	119.0	116.4	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	120.3	-0.3	2.2	117.3	114.5	2.4
Prince Edward Island	121.5	-0.3	3.3	117.7	114.6	2.7
Nova Scotia	123.6	0.1	2.9	119.8	116.3	3.0
New Brunswick	122.1	0.0	3.0	118.6	114.7	3.4
Quebec	118.1	-0.2	2.5	115.5	113.2	2.0
Ontario	122.9	0.2	2.5	120.1	117.7	2.0
Manitoba	124.9	-0.2	1.1	123.1	121.2	1.6
Saskatchewan	126.3	-0.1	1.9	123.7	120.3	2.8
Alberta	130.1	0.5	4.8	124.2	120.1	3.4
British Columbia	**120.2**	**-0.2**	**1.7**	**117.9**	**115.2**	**2.3**
Whitehorse	119.9	0.1	1.8	117.7	116.9	0.7
Yellowknife	118.6	-0.3	2.1	116.3	113.0	2.9
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	100.2	0.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Chg		Annual Index		% Chg
	June 2003	May 2003	June 2002	2002	2001	2001/02
St. John's	120.2	-0.4	2.1	117.3	114.5	2.4
Charlottetown	120.6	-0.3	3.1	117.1	114.2	2.5
Halifax	122.6	0.0	2.7	119.1	115.5	3.1
Saint John	121.6	-0.1	3.0	118.2	114.5	3.2
Quebec City	118.8	-0.1	2.6	116.2	113.8	2.1
Montreal	118.1	-0.2	2.3	115.7	113.4	2.0
Ottawa	124.4	0.2	2.2	121.9	119.3	2.2
Toronto	123.7	0.2	2.7	120.6	118.1	2.1
Thunder Bay	121.8	0.2	2.4	119.3	117.5	1.5
Winnipeg	125.1	-0.2	1.0	123.3	121.5	1.5
Regina	127.3	0.0	2.0	124.6	121.3	2.7
Saskatoon	125.6	-0.1	1.8	123.1	119.7	2.8
Edmonton	128.7	0.5	6.2	121.9	118.4	3.0
Calgary	130.7	0.5	3.5	125.8	121.3	3.7
Vancouver	**120.6**	**-0.1**	**1.5**	**118.6**	**116.0**	**2.2**
Victoria	**119.7**	**-0.2**	**1.6**	**117.4**	**114.3**	**2.7**



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June 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1999	111.2	1.1	113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9	113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2001	115.2	1.7	117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3	120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2002		Month / Year								
Jan	115.4	0.5 / 0.8	120.4	101.3	120.2	112.2	128.1	120.1	120.1	115.0
Feb	115.9	0.4 / 2.9	120.4	101.3	120.3	115.3	128.3	120.8	121.3	117.9
Mar	116.6	0.6 / 2.9	120.0	101.1	120.8	116.2	131.4	120.5	121.4	123.4
Apr	117.7	0.9 / 2.3	121.5	101.6	121.4	114.2	135.0	122.0	121.7	123.9
May	118.1	0.3 / 2.2	120.9	101.8	121.2	112.8	135.9	122.0	125.4	126.2
Jun	118.2	0.1 / 1.6	121.0	102.0	120.9	111.1	136.0	122.5	126.1	127.8
Jul	118.5	0.3 / 1.9	120.3	102.1	121.1	110.7	137.2	121.7	127.2	129.9
Aug	118.7	0.2 / 2.2	120.9	102.1	121.0	110.5	137.7	123.0	127.1	130.4
Sep	118.8	0.1 / 1.8	119.8	102.0	121.0	113.6	137.6	122.4	128.6	130.5
Oct	118.7	-0.1 / 2.5	119.1	102.4	121.1	114.0	137.7	123.3	126.6	131.2
Nov	118.9	0.2 / 3.5	121.0	102.6	121.3	111.6	137.7	122.7	125.6	131.8
Dec	118.8	-0.1 / 3.5	121.7	102.6	121.3	109.5	137.4	122.0	125.2	131.9
2003										
Jan	119.0	0.2 / 3.1	122.1	102.7	121.3	110.3	138.0	122.8	125.1	132.2
Feb	119.6	0.5 / 3.2	121.1	102.9	122.3	112.0	140.3	122.7	126.0	134.0
Mar	120.6	0.8 / 3.4	122.3	103.2	122.1	113.8	143.2	121.8	126.9	135.2
Apr	120.4	-0.2 / 2.3	122.7	103.6	121.7	113.5	140.7	122.6	126.9	135.3
May	120.4	0.0 / 1.9	123.3	103.8	121.9	112.1	138.7	121.9	128.7	136.3
Jun	120.2	-0.2 / 1.7	123.3	103.8	122.0	110.4	138.2	121.7	128.4	136.4

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1999	110.5	1.7	110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7	112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2001	116.4	2.6	117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2	120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2002		Month / Year								
Jan	116.2	0.3 / 1.3	120.0	113.0	112.9	102.3	126.9	114.3	122.3	112.2
Feb	116.9	0.6 / 1.5	120.6	113.1	113.1	105.4	127.5	114.8	124.1	112.9
Mar	117.7	0.7 / 1.8	120.4	113.1	113.7	107.1	130.5	114.5	124.9	114.1
Apr	118.4	0.6 / 1.7	120.9	112.8	113.9	106.6	133.8	115.3	124.7	116.8
May	118.6	0.2 / 1.0	120.4	113.1	113.8	104.6	134.1	115.7	126.8	118.8
Jun	119.0	0.3 / 1.3	120.9	113.1	114.0	104.2	134.0	115.9	127.2	124.1
Jul	119.6	0.5 / 2.1	120.9	113.2	114.2	105.0	135.4	115.4	128.4	129.5
Aug	120.1	0.4 / 2.6	120.2	114.2	114.3	105.0	137.0	115.6	128.5	129.8
Sep	120.1	0.0 / 2.3	119.2	114.6	113.8	107.3	136.8	115.7	128.7	129.9
Oct	120.5	0.3 / 3.2	118.5	115.8	113.9	107.1	137.9	116.2	127.7	131.2
Nov	120.8	0.2 / 4.3	120.4	115.7	114.0	105.2	139.2	116.2	126.7	131.9
Dec	120.4	-0.3 / 3.9	121.2	114.0	114.0	102.3	140.1	116.1	126.0	131.6
2003										
Jan	121.4	0.8 / 4.5	122.3	116.2	113.9	101.6	141.9	116.1	125.4	132.0
Feb	122.3	0.7 / 4.6	122.1	116.7	114.5	103.8	144.1	116.4	127.1	133.5
Mar	122.8	0.4 / 4.3	122.4	117.4	114.5	105.5	144.6	116.1	126.7	133.8
Apr	121.9	-0.7 / 3.0	122.4	116.5	114.5	103.8	141.8	116.8	126.3	134.5
May	122.0	0.1 / 2.9	122.8	117.1	114.5	103.4	139.8	117.1	127.2	136.2
Jun	122.1	0.1 / 2.6	123.2	117.7	114.5	101.0	139.5	116.8	127.6	136.4

June 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100), Selected Items

BRITISH COLUMBIA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity[1]					
	1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8
	2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9
	2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0
	2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
2002	Jan	112.7	89.2	198.6	123.7	106.1	113.2	123.7	114.3	113.4	113.5
	Feb	112.9	89.2	198.6	119.3	106.1	113.4	123.6	114.9	113.8	114.1
	Mar	113.0	88.9	198.6	121.6	106.1	126.4	130.5	115.9	114.3	114.6
	Apr	113.1	89.4	198.6	130.8	106.1	137.3	136.6	116.9	115.4	115.1
	May	113.3	89.6	198.6	132.2	106.1	139.9	138.0	117.6	115.8	115.7
	Jun	113.5	90.0	198.6	132.2	106.1	140.4	138.3	117.7	115.9	115.9
	Jul	113.6	89.9	198.6	132.2	106.5	141.8	139.3	118.2	116.1	116.3
	Aug	113.8	89.8	198.6	132.2	106.5	142.6	139.7	118.3	116.3	116.4
	Sep	113.8	89.7	198.6	136.2	106.5	144.5	140.8	118.6	116.3	116.7
	Oct	114.0	90.1	198.6	141.2	106.5	146.5	142.1	118.7	116.2	116.6
	Nov	114.1	90.5	198.6	141.0	106.5	144.5	141.0	118.5	116.4	116.5
	Dec	114.2	90.6	198.6	136.6	106.5	138.1	137.5	118.2	116.3	116.5
2003	Jan	114.2	90.5	202.7	143.4	106.8	141.6	139.8	118.4	116.5	116.5
	Feb	114.3	90.6	202.7	150.5	106.8	154.0	146.1	119.3	117.0	117.0
	Mar	114.4	90.8	205.7	178.6	106.8	167.4	153.5	120.2	118.0	117.4
	Apr	114.5	91.0	230.3	165.0	106.8	153.1	147.9	119.9	117.8	117.5
	May	114.5	91.3	230.3	149.8	106.8	142.0	142.1	119.8	117.7	117.8
	Jun	114.6	91.3	230.3	149.8	106.8	142.2	142.2	119.6	117.6	117.6

[1] *electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March*

CANADA		Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
2002	Jan	114.4	106.5	191.2	120.5	116.3	110.3	121.8	115.5	117.2	114.7
	Feb	114.6	106.6	190.5	119.7	116.1	111.8	122.4	116.2	117.9	115.4
	Mar	114.7	106.7	176.6	122.7	119.3	122.1	127.2	117.2	118.7	116.0
	Apr	115.0	107.1	153.9	130.2	119.4	130.4	129.4	117.9	119.3	116.5
	May	115.2	107.4	155.4	130.1	119.4	128.0	128.4	118.3	119.4	117.0
	Jun	115.4	107.7	153.9	130.1	117.2	126.9	127.0	118.6	119.5	117.5
	Jul	115.6	107.7	145.2	130.1	121.0	130.4	129.0	119.4	120.0	118.2
	Aug	115.9	107.8	147.7	130.1	129.2	133.6	133.4	120.2	120.5	118.5
	Sep	116.0	107.8	155.4	135.1	128.9	133.9	134.6	120.4	120.5	118.7
	Oct	116.2	108.4	184.2	144.2	125.5	136.0	138.4	121.0	120.8	118.9
	Nov	116.4	108.7	183.4	144.8	122.7	133.5	136.2	121.0	121.2	119.2
	Dec	116.5	109.2	187.1	144.5	99.7	130.0	127.6	120.2	120.7	119.3
2003	Jan	116.6	109.4	201.3	158.1	118.4	138.0	140.4	121.3	121.7	119.2
	Feb	116.7	109.7	203.5	176.9	118.4	147.7	146.5	122.4	122.6	119.9
	Mar	116.8	110.0	218.1	198.9	118.3	149.1	149.5	122.9	123.1	120.2
	Apr	116.9	110.3	230.3	163.0	106.3	135.7	137.4	121.9	122.2	120.2
	May	117.0	110.6	210.2	143.7	117.9	126.4	134.4	121.9	122.2	120.4
	Jun	117.1	110.9	228.3	143.7	119.0	127.9	137.0	121.9	122.3	120.2

* *Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

June 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1999	111.4	0.9	99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2	100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2001	116.0	1.8	103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2	103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
2002		Month / Year				
Jan	116.3	0.4 / 0.9	102.8	112.2	90.7	149.6
Feb	116.6	0.3 / 2.4	102.9	112.5	90.7	149.5
Mar	117.4	0.7 / 3.0	102.7	112.6	90.4	149.7
Apr	118.4	0.9 / 2.3	103.3	112.8	91.3	149.9
May	119.0	0.5 / 2.3	103.6	113.0	91.6	149.8
Jun	119.0	0.0 / 1.7	103.5	113.1	91.4	149.8
Jul	119.2	0.2 / 1.9	103.6	113.3	91.4	150.1
Aug	119.3	0.1 / 2.0	103.5	113.4	91.2	150.1
Sep	119.6	0.3 / 1.8	103.5	113.5	91.1	150.3
Oct	119.6	0.0 / 2.7	103.8	113.6	91.6	150.6
Nov	119.7	0.1 / 3.5	104.0	113.7	91.9	150.4
Dec	119.5	-0.2 / 3.2	104.1	113.9	91.9	150.2
2003						
Jan	119.7	0.2 / 2.9	104.1	113.9	91.8	150.7
Feb	120.3	0.5 / 3.2	104.2	114.0	92.0	150.8
Mar	121.2	0.7 / 3.2	104.6	114.1	92.4	151.5
Apr	121.0	-0.2 / 2.2	105.1	114.3	92.5	155.9
May	120.9	-0.1 / 1.6	105.2	114.3	92.7	155.7
Jun	120.8	-0.1 / 1.5	105.2	114.4	92.8	155.7

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Shelter	Accommodation Rented	Accommodation Owned	Water, Fuel Electricity
1999	111.1	1.0	98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2
2000	113.0	1.7	99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8
2001	114.3	1.2	98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3
2002	117.4	2.7	100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
2002		Month / Year				
Jan	114.9	0.5 / 1.0	100.1	112.3	89.7	119.1
Feb	115.4	0.4 / 3.7	100.0	112.6	89.6	118.3
Mar	116.1	0.6 / 3.3	99.9	112.6	89.3	118.6
Apr	117.1	0.9 / 2.5	100.2	112.7	89.5	120.2
May	117.6	0.4 / 2.4	100.4	113.0	89.6	120.5
Jun	117.8	0.2 / 2.1	100.9	113.1	90.3	120.5
Jul	118.1	0.3 / 2.3	101.0	113.4	90.4	120.5
Aug	118.3	0.2 / 2.7	101.0	113.4	90.3	120.5
Sep	118.4	0.1 / 2.3	100.9	113.5	90.1	121.0
Oct	118.3	-0.1 / 2.7	101.6	113.7	90.9	122.0
Nov	118.6	0.3 / 3.7	101.9	113.8	91.3	122.5
Dec	118.4	-0.2 / 3.6	101.9	113.9	91.3	122.1
2003						
Jan	118.7	0.3 / 3.3	101.9	114.0	91.2	123.2
Feb	119.2	0.4 / 3.3	102.1	114.0	91.3	123.8
Mar	120.1	0.8 / 3.4	102.5	114.1	91.4	128.4
Apr	119.9	-0.2 / 2.4	102.6	114.2	91.7	127.1
May	119.9	0.0 / 2.0	102.8	114.1	92.2	124.6
Jun	119.7	-0.2 / 1.6	102.8	114.1	92.1	124.6